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HYDROPHOBIC COMPONENTS
DISSOLVED IN WATER

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant(s) duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the listed items are enclosed.

Of the foreign patent documents cited, please note that Netherlands 7701328 corresponds to GB 1,535,481, and EP 0 248 429 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,842,745. The English language abstract for FR 2,251,525 is believed to be located in the parent file 08/381,828.

The citation of the listed items is not a representation that they constitute a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that the references are prior art. The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of these particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

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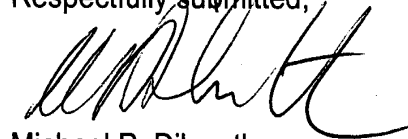
To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action in connection with this case.

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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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